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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) Laboratory equipment comprising:

a worktop including a plurality of surface drain grooves;

a drain channel disposed in one of the drain grooves; and

the drain grooves subdividing the worktop and extending around the subdivisions.

13. (New) The equipment of claim 12, wherein the drain grooves are disposed on and extend parallel to an edge of the worktop.

14. (New) The equipment of claim 12, further comprising:

a refuse tank disposed in the equipment and below the worktop;

wherein the worktop extends along a longitudinal axis and the drain channel is disposed at the center of an axis extending transversely to the worktop longitudinal axis; and

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the equipment including a drainage line connecting to the drain channel to the refuse tank.

15. (New) The equipment of claim 12, wherein:

the worktop extends along a longitudinal axis;

the worktop includes a plurality of drain channels disposed in each drain groove;

the drain channels extending transversely to the worktop longitudinal axis.

16. (New) The equipment of claim 12, wherein:

the worktop extends along a longitudinal axis and includes a rear longitudinal edge;

the equipment includes a collecting line disposed at the worktop rear edge;

a plurality of drain paths disposed in an interior of the worktop, the drain paths extending transversely to the worktop longitudinal axis and connecting the drain channels to the collecting line; and

a downwardly extending drainage line connecting the collecting line to the refuse tank.

17. (New) The equipment of claim 12, wherein the drain grooves are inclined towards the drain channel.

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18. (New) The equipment of claim 12, further comprising a ventilated laboratory cabinet for storing fluid containers beneath the worktop.
19. (New) The equipment of claim 18, wherein the laboratory cabinet is formed of a non-combustible material and includes a rigid floor.
20. (New) The equipment of claim 12, further comprising an extractor hood disposed on the worktop.
21. (New) The equipment of claim 12, further comprising a safety device for triggering an alarm when fluid flows through the drain grooves.
22. (New) A mobile laboratory trolley for supporting the worktop of Claim 18 and a second worktop, the worktops being disposed as upper and lower worktops, the trolley including a floor for supporting the cabinet.
23. (New) The equipment of claim 12, wherein the worktop comprises a plurality of interconnected surfaces, each surface including a drain channel and a plurality of drain grooves.

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24. (New) The equipment of claim 14, wherein the drainage line is formed of Teflon.

25. (New) The equipment of claim 19, wherein the rigid floor is formed of stainless steel.